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SUBJECT: US-EGYPTIAN HEALTH COOPERATION

- 1. DEVELOPING US-EGYPT HEALTH COOPERATION HAS RECEIVED PROMINENT GOE ATTENTION AND ENDORSEMENT DURING TWO COINCIDENTAL CEREMONIES IN LAST TWO DAYS.
- 2. FORMAL AND FAIRLY ELABORATE CEREMONY HELD NOVEMBER 17 AT MERIDIEN HOTEL TO INAUGURATE SECRETARIAT TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH MANPOWER AND MEDICAL EDUCATION OF JOINT WORKING GROUP ON MEDICAL COOPERATION (CAIRO 10982). SECRETARIAT, ESTABLISHED TO CARRY OUT 5 YEAR SFCP PROJECT AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR VISITING US SCIENTIST PROGRAM IN EGYPT AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EGYPTIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN US, CONSIST OF TWO US MEMBERS (DR. WILLIAM COPE OF DHEW/PHS/HRA AND DR. WILLIAM WALSH, PROJECT HOPE PRESIDENT) AND TWO GOE MEMBERS (DR. RAMSIS GOMAA, UNDERSECRETARY AT MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND DR. LOUTFY DOWIDAR, ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT. REPRESENTING MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION). PROJECT THUS INVOLVES UNUSUAL, PERHAPS UNIQUE, COLLABORATIVE EXPERIMENT BETWEEN USG AGENCY, PRIVATE US ORGANIZATION, AND TWO GOE MINISTRIES. INAUGURATION PROGRAM ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS EILTS, INCLUDED ADDRESSES BY DEP PM/MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTER HEALTH, COPE, AND WALSH; PRESENTATION OF TOKEN GIFTS TO SYMBOLIZE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS; SIGNING OF AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; AND FORMAL TEA.

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3. MRS. SADAT, ALONG WITH MINISTERS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

AND HEALTH AND PRESIDENT OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY, GAVE WELCOMING ADDRESSES AT OPENING CEREMONY NOVEMBER 18 FOR 3-DAY POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN CANCER ORGANIZED BY AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND CANCER INSTITUTE OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN BYRD, ALSO SPOKE. MEETINGS BEING HELD AT MAIN AUDITORIUM, ARAB LEAGUE BUILDING. VISITING AMERICAN GROUP WILL THEN REPEAT COURSE IN ALEXANDRIA.

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